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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT: National Academy of Sciences Questionnaire

1. The Committee on Geography of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council plans to make an exhaustive study of the role of geographers in the Federal service. The objectives of the study are to initially determine the nature of geographic work in government service and then recommend ways in which that contribution could be improved. A significant response would be better guidance to the academic role in training geographers for government service.
2. The attached questionnaire is the means the Committee has chosen to collect the necessary data for the study. It will be sent, as far as possible, to all geographers in the Federal service. The initial mailing list will be the members of the Association of American Geographers, and the majority of the geographers in the Agency will receive the questionnaire.
3. The Committee appears to be keenly aware of a potential security problem for the many geographers who are employed in security positions in the Federal government. It is noted in the forward, and the footnote on page 1, that all responses will become the property of the Committee, will not be made available to any other group, and will be destroyed after completion of the study. They also point out that no questions on subject matter, programs, or priorities are included in the survey. I believe these safeguards are most adequate and will be adhered to strictly.
4. It will be to the benefit of the geographic profession and to the Agency in future recruitment to cooperate with this survey. I recommend that the geographers in the Agency be permitted to submit this questionnaire to the National Academy, if they so desire.

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5. If permission to submit the questionnaire is approved, and it is deemed appropriate, the attached draft letter is suggested.

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2 Attachments
as stated

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